

# Golden Valley 2002

## CityNews

### City Manager Selection Process Nears End

The selection process for Golden Valley's new city manager is in its final phase as the City Council considers three candidates chosen from a field of seven semifinalists. The remaining three finalists are Rosemount City Administrator Thomas Burt, Golden Valley Public Works Director Jeannine Clancy, and the former city manager of Sioux City, Iowa, D. Craig Whitehead.

The City retained Personnel Decisions International (PDI) to lead the search effort, which garnered 54 applications. Seven semifinalists each had separate one-hour interviews with the City management team and a team of line employees before interviewing with the City Council. Candidates also had the opportunity to take a tour of Golden Valley.

PDI then conducted management/leadership assessments and background checks on the finalists and presented the information to the Council. After another round of interviews, the Council could select a manager in October. Current City Manager Bill Joynes, who announced his retirement earlier this year (see story on page 6), will stay on board until the new city manager is in place.

Thomas Burt holds bachelor's degrees in economics and urban and regional studies (1980) and a master's degree in urban and regional studies (1982) from Mankato State University. He has been Rosemount's city administrator since March 1994. Before that, he served as St Anthony's city manager (1989-94), Brooklyn Park's assistant to the city manager (1983-89), Bloomington's administrative aide to the city manager (May to December, 1982) and planning aide (January to September, 1981), and Prior Lake's assistant planner (May to December, 1980).

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### City Web Site To Feature New Service

In an effort to better serve its residents, the City of Golden Valley will debut a new web site feature in December that will allow citizens to subscribe to a variety of email lists for timely and pertinent information.

The email notification system will allow people to stay informed on topics that interest them. It will also help the City reduce costs in materials, postage, and processing time. Initial list offerings will include City meeting agendas and minutes, ordinance changes, job postings, public hearing notices, crime alerts, City publications, tips for homeowners, Public Works project updates, and recreation and golf updates. Citizens will be able to subscribe or unsubscribe at any time on-line.

For more information, contact Communications Coordinator Cheryl Weiler at 763-593-8004.



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# CITY MANAGER

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Jeannine Clancy holds a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology (1983) from Morning-side College, Sioux City, Iowa; and a master's degree in urban and regional studies (1985) from Mankato State University. She has been Golden Valley's director of public works since 1998. Before that, she served as New Hope's director of public works (1995-98); Scottsdale, Arizona's project manager (1990-95); New Hope's management assistant/community development coordinator (1986-90); an instructor in the Urban and Regional Studies Institute at Mankato State University (1988-89); and Faribault's community development assistant (1984-86).

D. Craig Whitehead holds a bachelor's degree in political science (1980) and a master's degree in public administration (1983) from Brigham Young University. He has served as Sioux City, Iowa's city manager (1997-2002) and assistant city manager (1995-97); Newport, Vermont's city manager (1992-95); Canandaigua, New York's assistant city manager (1984-92); administrative intern in Rochester, New York (1983-84); and had internships in Ogden City, Utah and Delta City, Utah (1982-83).

For more information about the city manager search process, contact Mayor Linda Loomis at 763-593-3990.

# Property Tax 101: Understanding Fiscal Disparities

The last four issues of *CityNews* included articles to help you understand your City property tax. With this training under your belt, you can now tackle the most complicated and least understood aspect of the property tax system—fiscal disparities.

Since 1975, the fiscal disparities program has helped cities in the seven county metro area share the growth in commercial/industrial (C/I) tax base. With the goal of equalizing the tax base among municipalities, the program provides an incentive to view the metro area as a whole and increases the likelihood of well planned urban development, since cities are less likely to compete for C/I development by using questionable fiscal incentives.

For example, program supporters would say that although Golden Valley "lucked out" by having General Mills' headquarters located in its city limits, just over the border with St Louis Park, it doesn't mean other cities don't provide services such as roads, housing, recreation, etc to support this development. Therefore, Golden Valley should share a portion of this tax base with other cities.

The very complex fiscal disparities system involves more than 300 taxing districts in the seven county metro area. In general, it involves pooling 40% of the increase in C/I property valuations above the base year of 1971. This pool of C/I valuation is distributed back to cities based on population and per capita property value. Cities with high per capita property value, like Golden Valley, receive less back from the pool than they put in. Fiscal disparities is a "zero sum" game, so the net amount of tax base contributed by certain cities results in an increase in tax base in other cities. The City of Golden Valley has always been a net contributor to the program (see example below).

The fiscal disparities program has always been controversial, especially for cities that are net contributors, but even with its flaws it is a key factor in the regional cooperation that has made this metro area economically viable and a great place to live.

*Don Taylor, Finance Director*

## ESTIMATED IMPACT OF

# FISCAL DISPARITIES ON THE 2002 CITY PROPERTY TAX

In 2002, the fiscal disparities program resulted in a \$102 (11.7%) increase in the City tax on the average (\$190,000) home.

### Calculation of City Tax (Actual)

Total City Tax Base	\$23,387,298
Less: Net Fiscal Disparities Contribution	\$2,505,304
Net City Tax Base	\$20,881,994
Tax Levy	\$10,682,120
City Tax Rate	51.15%
Market Value of Average Home	\$190,000
Tax Base	\$1,900
City Tax	\$972

### Calculation of City Tax (No Net Fiscal Disparities Contribution)

Total City Tax Base	\$23,387,298
Less: Net Fiscal Disparities Contribution	0
Net City Tax Base	\$23,387,298
Tax Levy	\$10,682,120
Adjusted City Tax Rate	45.67%
Market Value of Average Home	\$190,000
Tax Base	\$1,900
Adjusted City Tax	\$870

# Mosquitoes: Think They're Gone? Think Again

With mosquitoes making headline news, most of us will breathe a sigh of relief when the first frost comes. We know from experience that the mosquitoes that bit us all summer are killed by the first hard frost. However, the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) wants us to know that most mosquito eggs survive our winters and can remain viable for five or more years, waiting for the right conditions to hatch. A few simple precautions now can limit mosquito breeding grounds and help stop them before they attack us next summer.

The MMCD message is clear: **When in doubt, Dump It Out!** The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to find and eliminate their breeding sites. Late autumn is a great time to look for containers outdoors that hold water. Since all mosquitoes need water to complete their reproductive cycle, make sure nothing in your yard holds water for more than two days.

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) gives these specific guidelines to eliminate mosquitoes:

- ✓ Dispose of tin cans, tires, buckets, or any containers that collect and hold water.
- ✓ Clean gutters and remove standing water on, under, or around structures.
- ✓ Check faucets and air conditioners and repair leaks or puddles.
- ✓ Check for and drain water trapped in tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc.
- ✓ Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure proper backfilling drainage.
- ✓ Fill or drain puddles, and either remove, drain, or fill tree holes and stumps.
- ✓ Eliminate seepage from cisterns, cesspools, and septic tanks.
- ✓ Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent standing water.
- ✓ Change water in birdbaths and wading pools at least once a week.

For more information on local mosquito control efforts, contact the MMCD at 651-645-9141 or [www.mmcd.org](http://www.mmcd.org).

## mosquito FACTS

- Mosquitoes do not develop in vegetation, though adults often rest there.
- Of the 3,300-plus mosquito species worldwide, 50 live in the Twin Cities area, and about 15 of these species bite humans.
- Mosquitoes do not transmit the HIV virus.
- Most mosquitoes lay their eggs in dry areas that are wet only part of the time. All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- A single female can lay more than 200 eggs at a time. Only females take blood; males eat plant nectar.
- Mosquitoes cause more human death than any other living creature.



## SENIOR Stuff

**Golden Tones Senior Chorus of Golden Valley** is looking for more singers. Practices are each Thursday, 10:30 am, at Calvary Church.

**Blood Pressure Screenings**—Oct 23, 11 am - noon, Brookview

**Defensive Driving Course**—Four-hour refresher: Oct 24, 9 am - 1 pm, Brookview

**Special Events**—Oct 30: Halloween Brunch, 11:30 am, Brookview; Nov 1: Antique Presentation, 1 pm, Brookview.

**Upcoming Trips (register early)**—Oct 11: "Arsenic and Old Lace," Old Log Theater; Oct 16: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Plymouth Playhouse; Nov 6: "It's a RUDYful Life," Fanny Hill Theater; Nov 11-15: Branson, MO.

**Health Insurance Help**—Second Tuesday of each month, 9 am - noon, Brookview. Trained volunteer counselors help sort out health and Medicare forms, file insurance claims, and obtain information about Medicare supplemental or long-term care policies. Schedule in advance at 763-512-2339. Sponsored by Senior Community Services.

**PRISM Express** provides seniors with door-to-door transportation service for medical appointments, personal shopping, etc. Schedule in advance at 763-529-1252.

**Five Cities Transportation Program** offers rides to seniors living in senior housing buildings, apartments, and in their own homes for shopping, social activities, and senior program events. Dates and times are listed in the monthly Golden Valley Senior Newsletter. Reserve a ride by calling the Five Cities office (763-537-0229) Monday - Friday, 8 am - 3 pm.

For more information and to register, contact:

**Golden Valley Seniors Program**  
**Brookview Community Center**  
 200 Brookview Parkway  
 Golden Valley, MN 55426  
 763-512-2339  
 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday



## Holiday Notice

Recycling pick-up the week of the Thanksgiving Day holiday will be one day later than usual. Have your recyclables at the curb by 7 am, Saturday, November 30.



The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

## 24-Hour Recycling Info-Line

Features recorded answers to your recycling questions 24 hours a day. Just call 763-593-8119 to reach the Golden Valley Recycling Information Line (directions for rotary phone users are on the message). For information on:

- curbside recycling, press 1
- apartment recycling, press 2
- yard waste disposal, press 3
- household hazardous waste disposal, press 4

**763-593-8119**

## Missed Pick-Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

# Plan Now For 2002 Fall Leaf Drop-Off

Leaves are a leading source of excess nutrients in our waterways, and fall leaf clean-up helps prevent those nutrients from washing into the storm water system. Golden Valley's annual Fall Leaf Drop-Off provides residents a monitored site to dispose of their leaves at no charge during the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November (see box below for dates and times). The drop-off site will be at Brookview Park, south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave. During drop-off days, Brookview Parkway will become a one-way road. All traffic must enter the site from Winnetka Ave S and exit on Western Ave. Traffic personnel will direct vehicles to drop-off points, where other personnel will help residents unload or de-bag leaves.

## RULES

- Participants must provide proof of Golden Valley residency (Minnesota driver's license, ID, or proof of identity and address).
- Residents must help de-bag their leaves at the site and take the bags home for reuse or disposal (see tips below for conserving bags). No brush will be accepted.
- Residents hauling loose leaves must help unload their leaves at the site (see tips below for loading loose leaves).

## TIME-SAVING TIPS

- For fast unloading and to conserve your bags, leave them untied if possible. If you must tie them, do so loosely or use the yellow or clear plastic tabs (they break open easily). Bags that are tightly knotted or tightly tied with wire "twisties" will be cut open to save time.
- If you're hauling loose leaves, line the trailer or truck bed with a tarp before loading the leaves. To unload, help the workers lift the corners of the tarp and dump the leaves into the disposal box.

If you miss the Leaf Drop-Off, or if you have brush or other yard waste to get rid of this fall, contact your garbage hauler for its policies and rates or check the Yellow Pages for names of commercial yard waste processing sites. The commercial yard waste site listed below is in nearby Maple Grove.

**Maple Grove Yard Waste Site:**  
14796 101 Ave N, Maple Grove. Accepts leaves and brush up to 1-1/2 inch in diameter for \$6/cubic yard, and sod and dirt for \$12/cubic yard, from April through November. Accepts grass clippings for \$12/cubic yard from June through September (\$6/cubic yard other months). For mixed material, add \$2/cubic yard. Open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, noon to 7 pm. Site closes November 30 and re-opens April 1, 2003.

## LEAF DROP-OFF FOUR DAYS ONLY

**Brookview Park (south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave)**

Friday, October 25	8 am - 4 pm
Saturday, October 26	7 am - 1 pm
Friday, November 1	8 am - 4 pm
Saturday, November 2	7 am - 1 pm

The Fall Leaf Drop-Off has been part of Golden Valley's recycling program for nine years. If you have questions about the Leaf Drop-Off or yard waste in general, call 763-593-8030.

# Check Your Sump Pump For Cross Connections

Sump pump systems are designed to capture surface or ground water that enters basements or crawl spaces and pump it away from the house. Homeowners commonly use sump pumps to battle moisture and flooding issues. However, when sump water is directed into the sanitary sewer system, it goes to the wastewater treatment plant and results in higher sewer charges. That's called a cross connection, and simple corrective actions can save you and your community thousands of dollars.

A cross connection is often a hose leading from the sump to a laundry tub or a floor drain. Water that goes down any drain in your house leads to the sanitary sewer system and eventually ends up at a wastewater treatment plant, where it is treated before being released back into the environment. Residents pay for wastewater treatment through their water bill. Since sump pump water is what engineers call "clear water" (most often rainwater, ground water, or snow melt), it does not need to be treated and can be returned as is to area streams, rivers, and lakes through the City's storm water system.

## REDIRECTING YOUR SUMP PUMP CONNECTION

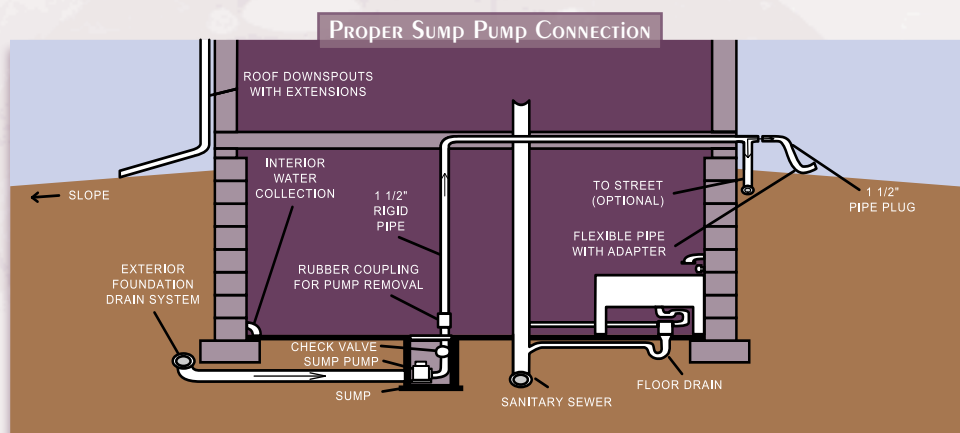
To begin, locate your sump pump and inspect the connection. If you find it is cross-connected, reroute it to City's storm sewer system through one of two methods:

- a direct connection (a pipe from the house to the main storm sewer line), if available
- directly onto the ground (preferably 20 feet from the house and not into a neighbor's yard)

## WHAT THE CITY IS DOING TO HELP

Residents in Golden Valley's Pavement Management Program (PMP) areas may have the opportunity to participate in the City's new program that establishes a direct connection from residents' yards to the City's storm water system. While the street work is being done, crews install an eight-inch plastic pipe behind the curb with a four-inch pipe to the property line where possible. Residents can connect their sump output directly to this pipe, which will help keep clear water out of the sanitary sewer system, off the street, and away from basements.

For more information on City's new sump pump program or cross connections in general, call Utilities Maintenance at 763-593-8075. Also check the City web site at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/sumppumps.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/sumppumps.htm), which features an animated video (requires Flash plug-in) illustrating cross connections and how to repair them.



## FALL HOME MAINTENANCE Checklist

- ☐ Repair damage to roof and valleys.
- ☐ Have fireplaces professionally cleaned.
- ☐ Seal driveway, sidewalk, foundation, masonry, and exterior cracks.
- ☐ Clean septic tanks every two years.
- ☐ Replace loose and missing putty and deteriorating weather-stripping, and caulk around doors and windows.
- ☐ Check all doors and window hardware. Replace as needed.
- ☐ Clean and change furnace filters every month or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- ☐ For forced air systems: Check fan belt tension, and lubricate fan and motor.
- ☐ For steam systems: Check shut-off valve for leaks and drain low water cut-off.
- ☐ For hot water systems: Top off water, bleed radiators, and bring up to recommended pressure.
- ☐ Change smoke detector batteries when you set back clocks.
- ☐ Clear debris away from heating and cooling equipment.
- ☐ Service heating systems annually.
- ☐ Check pressure and temperature on boiler and water heater relief valves.
- ☐ Trim tree limbs touching roof or house.
- ☐ To ease raking, cut grass shorter, mow over leaves, and use them for mulch. Keep leaves off lawns and streets.
- ☐ If needed, fertilize your lawn once in mid-September and again in early October (use zero-phosphorus fertilizer).
- ☐ Deeply water trees and shrubs. Consider planting bulbs.
- ☐ Shut off and drain outside faucet(s).
- ☐ Check underground lawn sprinkler system for leaky valves, exposed lines, and back-flow protection.



# Golden Valley 1984 - 2002

## JOYNES RETIRES AFTER 18 YEARS AS CITY MANAGER

After 18 years as Golden Valley's city manager, Bill Joynes is moving on but not moving out. As he leaves City Hall to pursue other career interests, he will continue to live in the community his family calls home, the same community he helped revitalize during a long and colorful tenure marked by a curious combination of stability and change.

"When I was hired, it was evident the city needed to be redone or it would become a very worn first ring suburb," says Joynes. "We changed the face of this city. That took a lot of different people and a lot of coordination, and I'm proud to be part of it. I've had the privilege to work with some of the best elected officials ever—as successful as any I've ever seen.

"Of the people who hired me—Ray Stockman, Gloria Johnson, Dave Thompson, Mary Anderson, and Larry Bakken—throughout my career I've always had at least one of them on the Council. It's a testament to the stability of the community. Having the kind of stability we had here allows you to succeed at all kinds of things."

Joynes says a prolonged public sector career wasn't even on his radar when he happened into a job with the City of Minneapolis right out of college. He delayed going to law school to take a position as aide to the City Council president, then accepted a graduate-level national scholarship in urban studies that took him to St Louis and Los Angeles. There he found himself in a fellowship that put him in several different community-building environments. And he found it to be satisfying.

Once back in Minnesota, Joynes ended up in White Bear Lake for 10 years, first as assistant city manager, then as city manager. The job in Golden Valley appealed to him because of the city's great commercial/industrial mix, the intriguing possibilities for redevelopment, and the issues that affect first-ring suburbs.

Of the many City redevelopment projects Joynes was involved in, he says two stand out more than others. The "downtown" projects around Winnetka Ave and Golden Valley Rd provided a focal point for the community. The Xenia Ave extension project and Meadowbrook School addition included the best elements of overall public improvement and were the most complex because the school district and many levels of government were involved, says Joynes, but they were the hardest personally. He believes most of the City's redevelopment over the years would not have happened without government involvement.

"The marketplace does things in spots; it does not coordinate things," explains Joynes. "Citizens and elected officials have an obligation to guide their communities. It's difficult to determine what people want, and it takes courage to make those decisions. Government is about change, and I have a great appreciation for the process. It's very complex and challenging work."

Joynes says he'll most miss the people he works with—the cohesiveness of the team and the diligent staff—and he'll always value the relationships he developed over the years with various city councils and department heads. "This is a rare, rare job," he adds. "You have contact with a variety of people, you get to work with a variety of professionals, and you can see your results—parks, roads, whatever you build."

"Your life is made up of a series of stories, and most of my stories will be from here. I'm constantly amazed at the strange things we get involved in—dealing with floods, major snowstorms, and garbage houses; having an association with the police and public works departments, who are out there every day dealing with people; things that make you laugh and make you cry—it's an amazing spectrum. This has made my life interesting and rich. It's been good experience for my kids, too. They've seen controversy, great loyalty and friendship, and what a job like this does to a family."

When Joynes started in Golden Valley, he and his wife, Judy, were expecting their first child. As he prepares to leave, that child is in his first semester at UW-Eau Claire and his two younger children are both at Hopkins North Jr High. Joynes plans to expand on his 16-year teaching tenure in Hamline University's graduate school of public administration and continue his long-term involvement in Twin Cities' labor relations issues. He will do public sector labor relations and personnel consulting with the firm Labor Relations Associates, and he hopes to have enough flexibility in his schedule to play lots of tennis and golf.

Although he had different job offers over the years and was recruited by other cities, Joynes felt Golden Valley had as much if not more complexity than any other place.

"I've always felt personally good about doing this work. I always felt I was doing something worthwhile."

1985

Bill Joynes

Circa 1980

City Hall

Circa 1990

INTERSECTION of WINNETKA &amp; GOLDEN VALLEY Rd

SUPER VALU GROCERY STORE, Circa 1993

Wesley Commons Townhomes

CORNER of XENIA &amp; GOLDEN HILLS DR, Circa 1990

Golden Hills Office Center

XENIA AVE EXTENSION

Golden Valley Commons

TOWN SQUARE

NW CORNER of Golden Valley Rd &amp; WINNETKA, Circa 1990

Allianz

XENIA AVE AT I-394, Circa 1990

Collonade Office Building

I-394 AT TURNER'S CROSSROAD, Circa 1985

Doolittle's Air Cafe

SE CORNER of Winnetka &amp; Golden Valley Rd, Circa 1988

NE CORNER of Hwy 55 &amp; Winnetka, Circa 1988





FIREFIGHTER KEN BENCE

# Join The Hunt For Home Fire Hazards

In accordance with this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Team Up For Fire Safety" (see sidebar), Golden Valley Fire Prevention Specialist Sarah Larson asks Golden Valley residents to focus on fire prevention by following the safety tips below to reduce home fire hazards.

- Closely attend food cooking on stove tops, and keep a watch on food cooking inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of materials that could catch fire.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that could burn. Turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Have all heating equipment, including furnaces, space heaters, chimneys, fireplaces, and wood or coal stoves inspected every year and cleaned as often as necessary.
- Candles can be dangerous, whether used as a lighting source or for ambience. When the power goes out, rechargeable flashlights are a safer alternative. You can buy flashlights that go on when the power goes off at most local stores.
- Make sure ashtrays are large and deep and won't tip over. Douse cigarette and cigar butts with water before discarding them.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach in a locked cabinet.
- Replace any electrical device that has a loose, frayed, or broken cord. Avoid plugging more than one high-wattage appliance into a single receptacle. Remember, extension cords are designed for temporary use only.
- In homes with small children, receptacle outlets should have plastic safety covers.
- Install GFCIs (ground-fault circuit-interrupters) to shut off faulty electrical circuits and equipment more quickly than conventional fuses or circuit breakers.
- Install AFCIs (arc-fault circuit-interrupters) to protect against fire by monitoring electrical current and shutting off a circuit when an unwanted arcing fault is detected.
- Store liquids like gasoline, kerosene, and propane outside the home in a properly ventilated shed or garage. Store only small quantities in their original containers or safety containers. Never bring gasoline indoors. The vapors are highly flammable.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher in the house to put out a small fire or contain it until the fire department arrives. But remember, fire spreads rapidly. Your first priority should be to get out.

For more information on fire safety, contact Larson at 763-593-3977 or click to [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/firedept.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/publicsafety/firedept.htm).

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2002

"Team Up for Fire Safety" is the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) theme for the 2002 Fire Prevention Week campaign. NFPA's goal is to encourage fire departments to team-up with community partners such as schools, houses of worship, businesses, sports teams, Red Cross chapters, SAFE KIDS® coalitions, retail outlets, health agencies, senior citizens groups, and more to spread the message that fire safety saves lives.

The campaign focuses on safety lessons that can be learned by everyone:

- installing and testing smoke alarms
- practicing home escape plans
- hunting for home hazards (see article at right)

Every fire safety team begins with firefighters and other first responders. But these local heroes can't do it alone; they need kids, parents, even grandparents to team up behind them. With the assistance of fire safety advocates throughout the United States and Canada, NFPA hopes to make that team effort a reality, ensuring that families are more prepared than ever to prevent or survive a home fire.

## Other Fire Safety REMINDERS

### Smoke Alarms

Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas. Replace batteries twice a year, preferably when you change your clocks for daylight savings. Poison Control recommends that you also weigh your kids at this time.

### Fire Escape Plans

Make a plan with everyone in the residence. Begin with a floor plan and show two ways out of each room, including windows. Make routes clear and practice the escape plan at least twice a year.

# Police Serve Community Youth In Many Ways

Ever wonder who's looking out for the 16% (2000 US Census) of Golden Valley's population that includes kids between the ages of five and 19? As the City's newest school resource officer (SRO), Police Detective Mark Persons serves these young citizens as well as their parents, teachers, and other staff at Sandburg Middle School. The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) calls his position the fastest growing job in law enforcement.

More than any other government agency, schools provide a direct link between families and communities and the greatest opportunity to reduce risk factors for youth. According to research by the National Institute for Justice, school-based programs aimed at increasing resilience, reducing substance use and delinquency, and clarifying norms about expected behavior work well as long as they are sustained.

For more than 30 years, Golden Valley has had a police officer responsible for investigating juvenile crimes on school property and working to prevent juvenile delinquency. In addition, the SRO:

- creates a positive role model for students and a link to law enforcement
- serves as a resource for parents, staff, administration, and students
- reviews reports and investigates complaints regarding juveniles
- remains current on issues that affect juveniles and juvenile officers
- helps form and implement constructive policies and programs
- promotes special juvenile programs in cooperation with community agencies

"The two most important aspects of my job are to encourage kids to make good decisions and use common sense," says Persons, "and to respond quickly to the police service needs of the students and the school."

Besides acting as a positive role model for students, the SRO handles physical incidents that occur in the schools and provides prevention efforts, says Maren Kramer, a school social worker at Sandburg. "Most kids don't try to cause problems, but situations come up. I am very grateful that we have a SRO right here in the school. I think it's great for the community."

The National School Safety Center also believes that an "Officer Friendly" school program is positive for the community because it allows the police to demonstrate tools of their trade, enables students to become comfortable in relating to law enforcers, and fosters an appreciation of both the officers and the laws they enforce.

Several other programs initiated by the Golden Valley Police Department, including Kids & Cops, elementary school education, safety camps, and CounterAct, promote a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement and help Golden Valley youth become active, positive citizens.

If you have questions about the SRO position or other programs geared for Golden

Valley youth, contact Detective Mark Persons at 763-593-8079.

MARK PERSONS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

## INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Kids online is a relatively new concern for parents, caregivers, teachers, and law enforcement. With the start of a new school year, Golden Valley School Resource Officer Mark Persons reminds everyone to practice safety on the Internet. The following safety tips can help ensure your child will be safe while surfing the net.

- ☞ Place computers in a common area so use is supervised. A control to limit computer time can help prevent children from going online when supervision is unavailable.
- ☞ To further monitor your kids' online activity, programs are available that run in the background and capture screen shots, record sites visited, log chat room conversations, or capture every keystroke made. While no program is foolproof, these can aid supervision.
- ☞ Discuss the time of day and the length of time kids can be online as well as appropriate sites for them to visit. Frequently explain the dangers and help them understand what to watch for and what to avoid.
- ☞ Remind kids to never give out personal information online (names, addresses, or phone numbers).
- ☞ Kids should notify an adult immediately if they feel uncomfortable with any online material/language. Parents should notify their Internet provider and the Internet provider that the message originated from.
- ☞ Tell kids to never meet an online friend without one or both of their parents and to never send a picture or anything else without first checking with parents.
- ☞ Kids should not respond to any messages that are mean or make them uncomfortable. Have them keep track of screen names of those who send them, and tell parents right away so they can contact the service provider.
- ☞ Do not give out your passwords to anyone, and remind kids never to give their Internet passwords to anyone (even their best friends) other than their parents.

(Adapted from KIKS "Keeping Internet Kids Safe" and Internet Safety Watch, Inc.)




## Golf Classic NETS \$9,600 For GVHSF

Local charities will benefit from the proceeds of the sixth annual Golden Valley Golf Classic Tournament, held Friday, September 13 at Brookview Golf Course. The event, hosted by the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF), drew 104 golfers who enjoyed a day of golf, food, and prizes. Thanks to a number of sponsors, the Golf Classic raised \$9,600 for local human service organizations.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support and generosity of the local organizations that helped sponsor the tournament. Corporate Sponsors included Best & Flanagan, Liberty Carton, Northland Cardiology, Preferred One, TCF Bank, and Wells Fargo. Hole Sponsors included Allianz, BPK&Z, Cable 12, Golden Valley Rotary, Mon-Ray, Northland Cardiology, SEH, Town Square-Golden Valley, and Valley Dental Group.

The GVHSF distributes 100% of funds raised to causes directly serving the Golden Valley community. Nonprofit organizations funded for 2002 include Home Free Shelter, YMCA Detached Work Program, Northwest Suburban Dinner at Your Door, PRISM, Crisis Connection, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, and Senior Community Services and its HOME program.

For more information about the Golden Valley Golf Classic or the GVHSF, call Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. 

## City Defers Portion Of Meadow Lane Area PMP

This summer's unusually wet weather and extra work undertaken by utility companies have figured heavily into the City's decision to delay a portion of the work on its Meadow Lane North pavement management project southeast of Hwys 100 and 55. The four-phase project was scheduled to be substantially completed by September 30, 2002, with the final layer of asphalt and final restoration set for June 2003. The contractor will complete areas of the project already under way. Project areas not yet started will be delayed until 2003.

"Given the time of year, the progress made on the project to date, and the desire to limit the amount of inconvenience to residents caused by construction projects, staff recommended delaying about one mile of the project until next year," explained Public Works Director Jeannine Clancy.

Except for the final layer of asphalt and final restoration, work in Phases 1 and 2 (about 2.5 miles of the project) and Phase 3A (Meadow Lane N—about one-half mile of the project) will be completed this year.

Work on Phase 3B (about one mile of streets) will begin in May 2003. The new schedule will require completion in late July 2003 and paving the final layer of asphalt by June 2004. If progress allows and weather permits, the City may consider beginning work this year on Woodstock Ave, France Ave N, and Poplar Dr (all east of Meadow Lane N).

The assessment rate of \$2,600 per residential unit will not change. Property owners will receive information from the City about when assessments are due.

According to the National Weather Service, 2002 ranks fourth in amount of precipitation since record keeping was initiated, accounting for 10 more inches of precipitation than the average year. In addition, the City's right-of-way is home to a number of utilities (gas, electric, telephone, and cable TV). Some of these utilities believed it necessary to upgrade their infrastructure while the project was under construction. While the City supports private utilities in their upgrade efforts, this extra work had an impact on the contractor's schedule and progress.

If you have questions regarding the Meadow Lane North pavement management project, contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030. 

## PROJECT LIST

### Phase 1

- Ardmore Dr (Glenwood to Beverly)
- Westwood Dr (Glenwood to Beverly)
- Burntside Dr (Roanoke Rd to Loring Lane)
- Roanoke Rd (Natchez to Westwood)
- Ottawa Ave (Glenwood to Breck School)

### Phase 2

- Beverly Ave (Westwood to Meadow)
- Woodstock Ave (Burntside to Meadow)
- Hwy 55 Frontage Rd (Westwood to Meadow)
- Indiana Ave (Hwy 55 Frontage Rd to Woodstock)
- Ardmore Dr (Beverly to Hwy 55 Frontage Rd)
- Westwood Dr (Beverly to Hwy 55 Frontage Rd)
- Burntside Dr (Woodstock to Hwy 55 Frontage Rd)

### Phase 3A

- Meadow Lane N (Glenwood to Hwy 55)

### Phase 3B

- Leber Lane (west of Meadow)
- Roanoke Circle (east of Meadow)
- Sunnyside Lane (Meadow to Woodstock)
- Sunnyside Circle (east of Sunnyside)
- Poplar Dr (Meadow to France)
- Woodstock Ave (Meadow to France)
- France Ave N (Poplar to Woodstock)

# City Previews 2003-04 Pavement Management Program

Next year, the City of Golden Valley's ongoing Pavement Management Program (PMP) is slated to move to the vicinity of Laurel Ave and Winnetka Ave (Brookview Neighborhood Project), a segment of the city with long-standing traffic issues. The proposed project, which covers the area north of I-394, south of Hwy 55, west of Jersey Ave, and east of General Mills Blvd (except for Harold Ave), is scheduled for the summers of 2003 and 2004.

Traffic in this part of Golden Valley has presented varying levels of concern for the City and its residents since the completion of I-394. In December 1999, the City Council appointed an advisory committee of area homeowners and business representatives to study the situation and make recommendations. The group met twice a month to discuss options ranging from sign changes and traffic controls to modifications of the neighborhood's roadway and sidewalk system.


Six months later, committee members reported their ultimate goal was "renewing a strong sense of community" and the first step toward achieving that goal was "radically improving traffic conditions and pedestrian safety in the Laurel-Winnetka corridor." Many advisory committee recommendations have been incorporated into the currently proposed PMP project.

To calm traffic on Winnetka Ave, the preliminary project design incorporates medians with and without landscaping on Winnetka north of Western Ave and roadway narrowing and landscaping on Winnetka. Additional traffic calming measures will be incorporated on Laurel and Western Avenues.

For pedestrian safety, the proposed project includes a sidewalk on the east side of Winnetka from I-394 to Western Ave, where it shifts into Brookview Park and connects with the pedestrian bridge over Hwy 55. The location of the Brookview Park trail will be altered to minimize the current frequent flooding. The existing trails on Western Ave will be reconstructed, and a new walk will be built between Jersey and Winnetka. New sidewalks on the north side of Laurel between Pennsylvania and Winnetka Avenues will complete the pedestrian system.

For the rest of the project area, crews will evaluate existing sewer, water, and storm water drainage systems for repairs and upgrading before the other streets are reconstructed.

The City will hold a second series of neighborhood open house meetings this fall before the public hearing, expected in December 2002 or January 2003, at which the City Council will determine if the project will be constructed.

If you have any questions about this project or Golden Valley's PMP, call the Golden Valley Public Works Department at 763-593-8030. 



## Highway 100 Update

Work continues on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) Hwy 100 project through Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Brooklyn Center. Here are current highlights:

**Segment I (Glenwood Ave to Duluth St)**—The new southbound lanes of Hwy 100 are completed and carrying all traffic as crews work on the northbound lanes between Hwy 55 and Duluth St. Construction of the Hwy 55/Hwy 100 interchange and ramps will be nearly completed by late fall 2002. Crews will pave the east and westbound frontage roads from Duluth to Glenwood as will the area near Glenwood and Breck school this fall. Noise wall construction continues as materials arrive. Expected completion of the northbound lanes and bridge over the railroad is summer 2003.

**Segment II (29th Ave N to 38th Ave N)**—All major work is completed.

**Segment V (Duluth St to 29th Ave N)**—Crews have completed the temporary bridge over Duluth St and the ramp from Duluth to southbound Hwy 100. The frontage road and ramp from southbound Hwy 100 to Duluth St are nearly complete. Retaining wall construction is under way in the northeast quadrant. The ramp from northbound Hwy 100 to Duluth St is open to traffic. Construction of the ramp from Duluth St to northbound Hwy 100 will not start until spring 2003. The east half of the Duluth St bridge has been demolished, abutments installed, and pilings drilled. Next spring, crews will demolish and reconstruct the west half of the bridge. Work is expected to be completed by fall 2003.

The reconstructed freeway will be six lanes (three in each direction) from I-394 to County Road 81 and four lanes (two in each direction) north of County Road 81.

MnDOT requests drivers take extra care around street construction. To get more frequent updates, go to the City web site at [www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm](http://www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/streets/streetconst.htm), which also links to MnDOT's web site.



# Brookview Grill Welcomes Group Functions

Brookview Grill, one of Golden Valley's best amenities, is a gathering spot for patrons of Brookview Golf Course during the golf season. Off-season (November through mid-March), it is also available for corporate or private events.

The Grill's warm and comfortable atmosphere is great for business uses such as retreats, training seminars, meetings, and parties or for private uses such as family or neighborhood gatherings, receptions and showers, and holiday, birthday, or retirement parties. The room is decorated for the holidays from mid-November into January, and its set-up

can be customized to meet individual needs. Brookview Grill also offers a variety of other services, including beverage service and limited catering.

The view from the Grill's wall of windows is spectacular in any season, overlooking one of the Twin Cities' most beautiful golf courses. Its tranquil setting and pleasant ambiance is enhanced by its convenient central location, just west of Winnetka Ave between I-394 and Hwy 55.



Brookview Grill

For more information about Brookview Grill and rental opportunities, contact the Brookview Golf Course administrative office at 763-512-2305.

## Voting Locations

You must vote in your own precinct. Voters may cast ballots between 7 am and 8 pm on election day.

### Precinct 1

NE Fire Station  
3700 Golden Valley Rd

### Precinct 2

Valley Presbyterian Church  
3100 North Lilac Dr

### Precinct 3

Meadowbrook School  
5430 Glenwood Ave

### Precinct 4

Sandburg Middle School  
2400 Sandburg Lane

### Precinct 5

SE Fire Station  
400 Turners Crossroad S

### Precinct 6

Golden Valley City Hall  
7800 Golden Valley Rd

### Precinct 7

Emmaus Baptist Church  
8025 Medicine Lake Rd

### Precinct 8

Brookview Community Center  
200 Brookview Pkwy

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